(b) if not, the reasons for announcing it before the Parliament Session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The statement on industrial policy on 24-7-91 had mentioned the need for creation of a social security mechanism for protecting the interest of workers. The speech of the Finance Minister on 24-7-91 while presenting the Budget for 1991-92 had also clearly mentioned that the Government would establish a National Renewal Fund with a substantial corpus. As a follow up, a concept paper on the NRF was prepared which was also considered at the second meeting of Special Tripartite Committee to consider the impact of new industrial policy on labour and other related issues on 20-1-92. The constitution and announcement of the National Renewal Fund in early Feb' 92 is therefore a matter of routine follow up of Government policy and has no special reason for its announcement in Feb'92.

Changes in Exim Crip Facilty

2401. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industry Ministry has suggested some changes in Exim Crip facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response from the concerned Ministries to the suggestions of change in Exim Crip facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Since Exim Scrip facility was available to a section of raw-materials and intermediates imported by industries, the Ministry of Industry had suggested that, in the interest of further simplification of import procedures, there was need to extend if to an indusrial materials. It was also suggested that, accordingly, suitable enhancement of Exim scrips entitlement should be made. As announced in the Budget for 1992-93, all import needs will be met through the provisions contained in the Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS). These provisions are consistent with the Suggestions made by the Industry Ministry.

Radial tyres for Maruti Udyog Limited

2402. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Radial tyres made in the country are not upto the mark there by compelling M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited to import such Radial tyres at very high prices from abroad for exporting their cars; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the prices at which the tyres are imported and at what cost it reaches M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited factory vis-a-vis the cost of similar Indian tyres; and

(c) the cost which is estimated for such tyres for exporting alongwith M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Maruti Udyog Ltd. has been importing radial tyres to meet the requirement of export markets. The imported tyres are about 10 per cent more expensive than Indian tyres at present, but a price revision on these tyres is due.

Industries in NOIDA

2403. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industries in the NOIDA township; and how many of them are sick at present;

(b) whether many NOIDA industries have shifted to Goa and Gwalior and the electronics industry here has practically folded up;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) The total number of industrial units in NOIDA as on 29th February, 1992 is 3518. As per information available with Government, only two units have reported sickness.

(b) As per information available with the Government, no established industrial unit has shifted to Goa and Gwalior. Most of the electronics units established at NOIDA are still functioning. A number of new electronic units have also been established.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Exports by SSI

2404. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the direct export by small scale industry in 1990-91 and its share in the overall exports;

(b) whether SSI are facing difficulties from the exports promotion council;

(c) whether Government have set up a Committee to safeguard the interest of the small-scale sector;

(d) if so, the details threreof;

(e) whether Narasimham Committee has recommended reduction in credit to this sector; and

(f) if so, the rationale trerefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Direct exports from small scale sector during 1990-91 are provisionally estimated at Rs. 9100.00 crores, and the Share in overall exports is approximtaely 28 per cent.

(b) No specific difficulties have come to the notice so far.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee on exports in the Small Scale Sector has been constituted with the objective of coordinating and promoting the exports from the small scale sector.

(e) and (f) Narasimham Committe has redefined the priority sector to include only small and marginal farmers, tiny sectors of industry, small business and transport operators, village and cottage industries, rural artisans and other weaker sections. Small scale industry has not been included in the redefined priority sector. However, Government is yet to take a final view on the recommendations of Narasimham Committee.

कुटीर और कृषि उद्योगों के लिए लाइसेंस

2405. डा० **बापू कालूदाते**: क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई कुटीर और कृषि उद्योग सरकार से उनके लिए अपेक्षित लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् ही अपने उद्योगों को संचालित कर सकते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ऐसे उद्योगों को लाइसेंस प्राप्त किए बिना अपना उत्पादन शुरू करने की अनुमति देने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और